Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI

June 16, 2024 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
C: Amen.

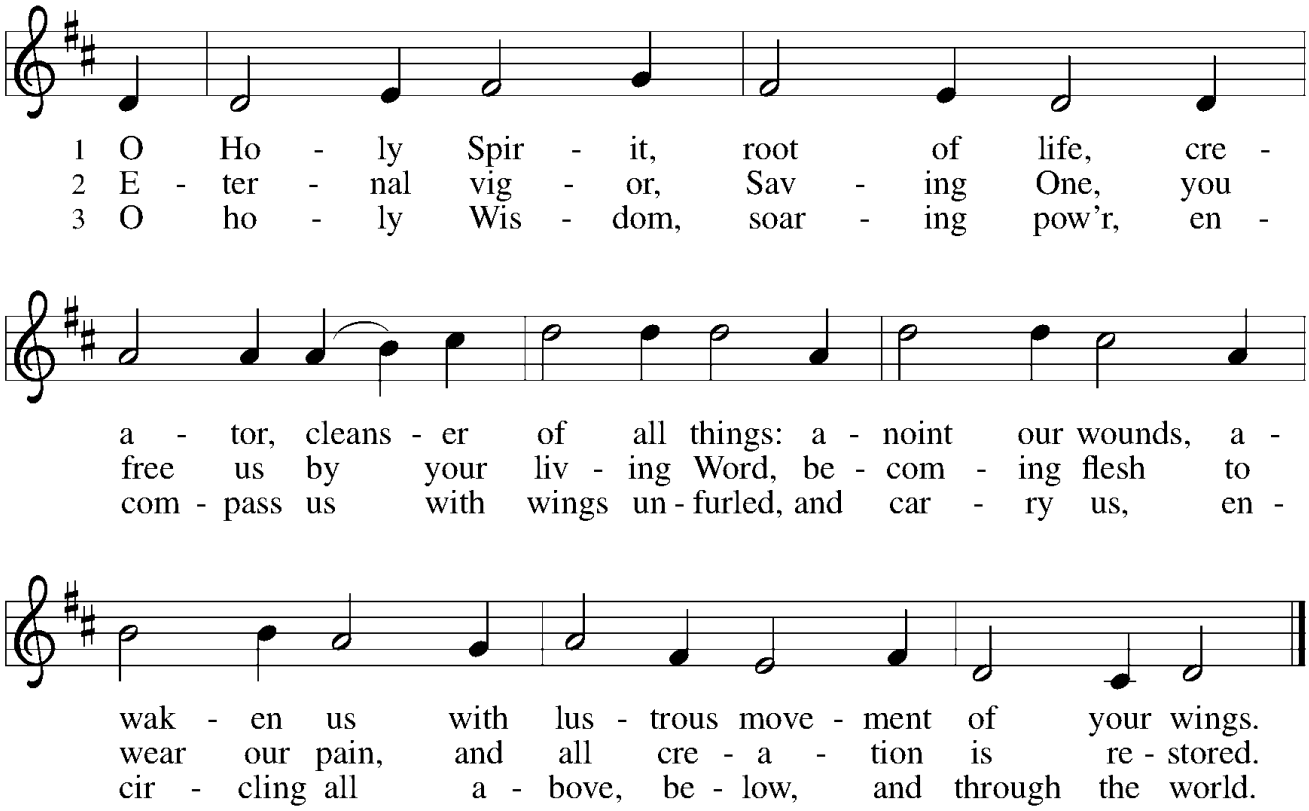
P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,
C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG – *"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"*



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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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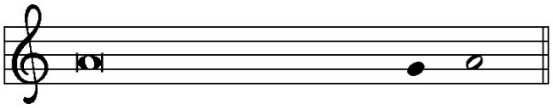

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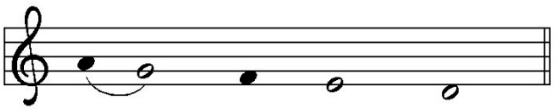
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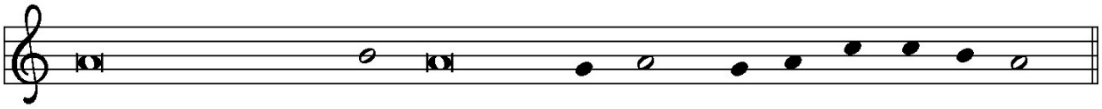
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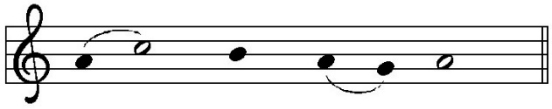
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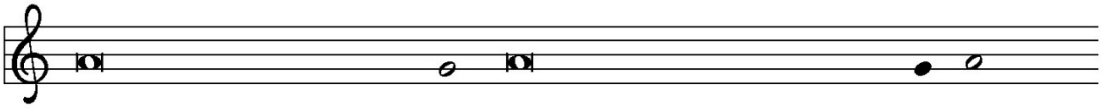
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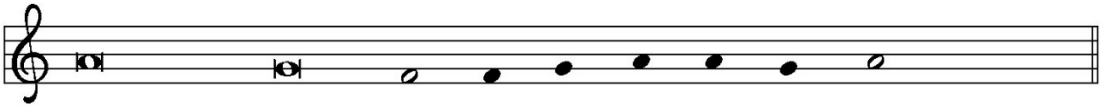
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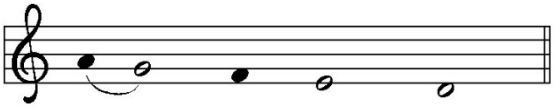
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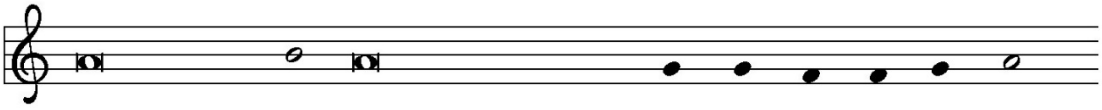

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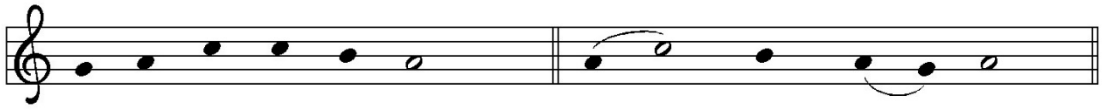
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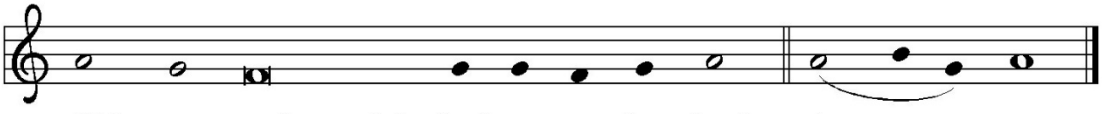

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

A: A reading from Ezekiel.

22 Thus says the Lord GOD:
I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break
off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.
23 On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.
24 All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.
I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

A: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

P: 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
C: 2 to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;
P: 3 on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

C: [4]For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
P: [12]The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
C: [13]Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
P: [14]they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;
C: [15]that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

A: A reading from Second Corinthians.

[6]So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—[7]for we walk by faith, not by sight. [8]Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. [9]So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. [10]For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

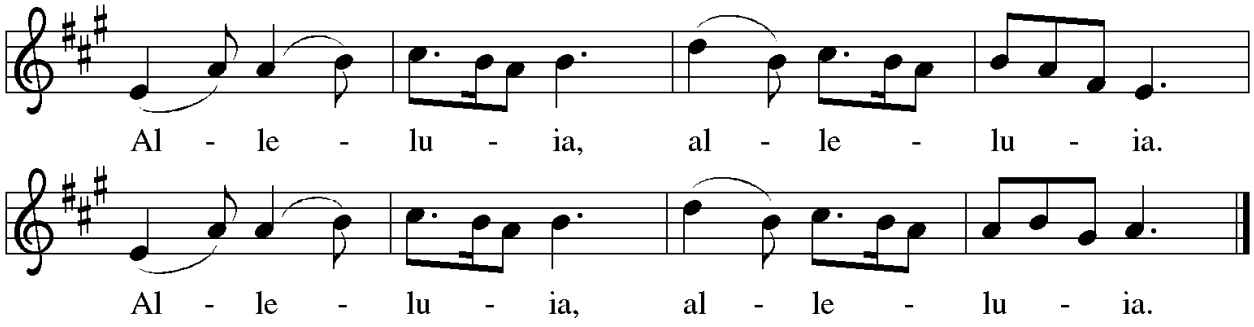
[11]Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. [12]We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. [13]For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. [14]For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. [15]And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

[16]From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. [17]So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

A: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

26 [Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the
ground, 27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and
grow, he does not know how. 28 The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the
head, then the full grain in the head. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes
in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

30 He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what
parable will we use for it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the
ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32 yet when it is sown it grows up
and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the
birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

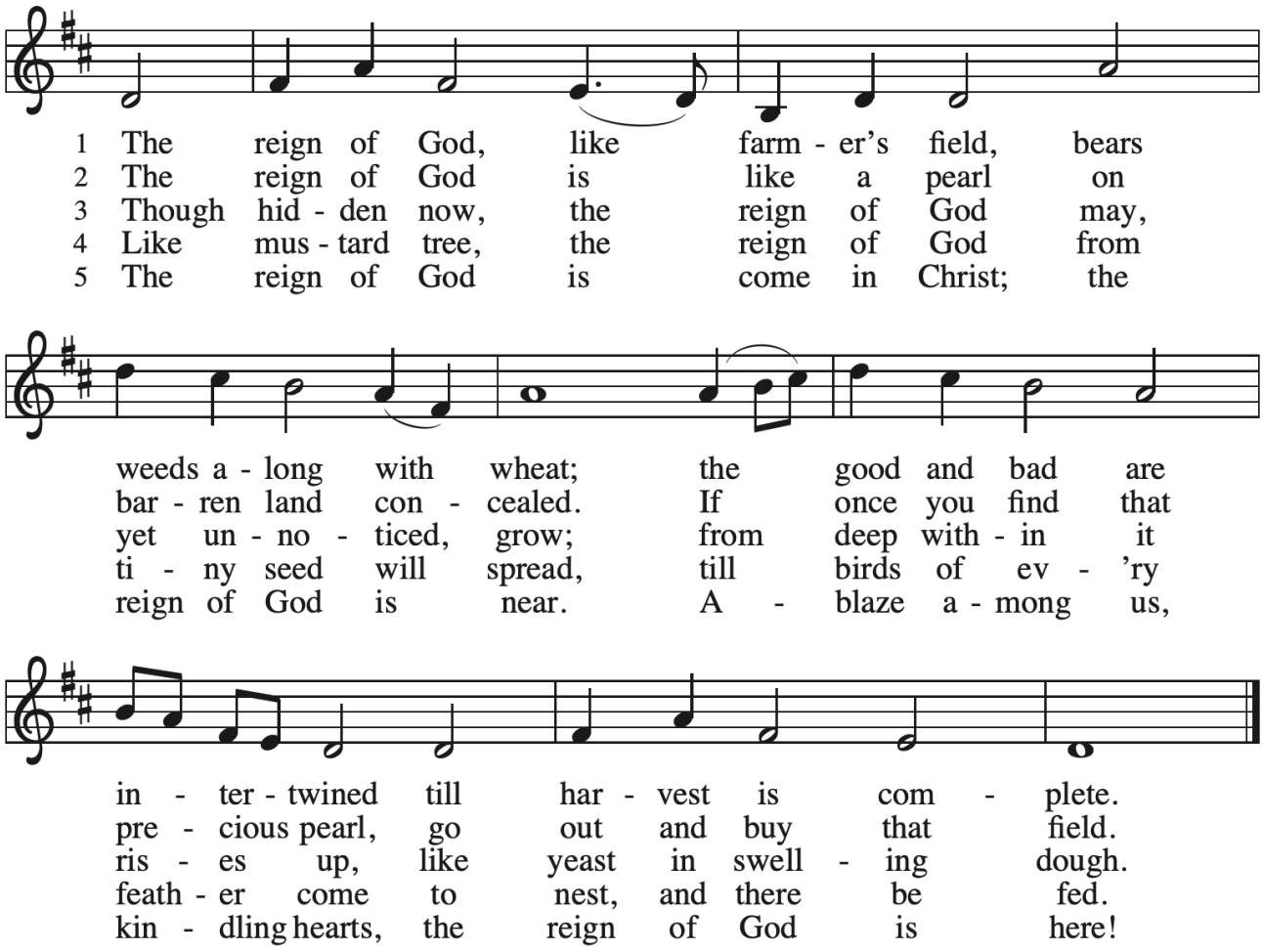
33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear
it; 34 he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in
private to his disciples.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

HYMN OF THE DAY – *"The Reign of God Like Farmer's Field"*



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HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:
I present Adelyn for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:
Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your daughter baptized into Christ?
Response: I do.

As you bring Adelyn to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that Adelyn may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Adelyn grow in the Christian faith and life?
Response: I do.
The presiding minister addresses sponsors:
Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Adelyn in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?
Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:
People of God, do you promise to support Adelyn Lucy and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.
I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Response: I renounce them.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

A: Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM

Adelyn, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

A: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain Adelyn with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

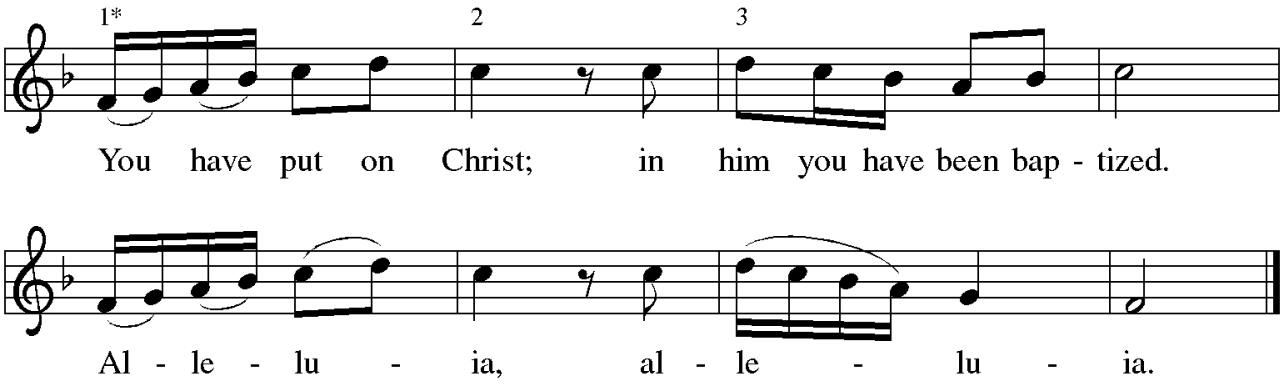
The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized.
Adelyn, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to a sponsor as a representative of the congregation says:
Council President, Peter Walline: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Sung Acclamation: *"You Have Put On Christ"* **ELW #211**



Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.

APOSTLES CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

A: Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of marginalization, discrimination, and hate. As we anticipate Juneteenth, banish white supremacy and bigotry from the hearts of your people and remove the inclination toward anger and violence. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises *especially* Barb, Sheila, Judy, Debbie, the friends and family of Chuck, and the friends and family of Dan. Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns, and people facing chronic pain. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: With gratitude, we remember *the Emanuel Nine martyrs and all* the saints who are now at home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

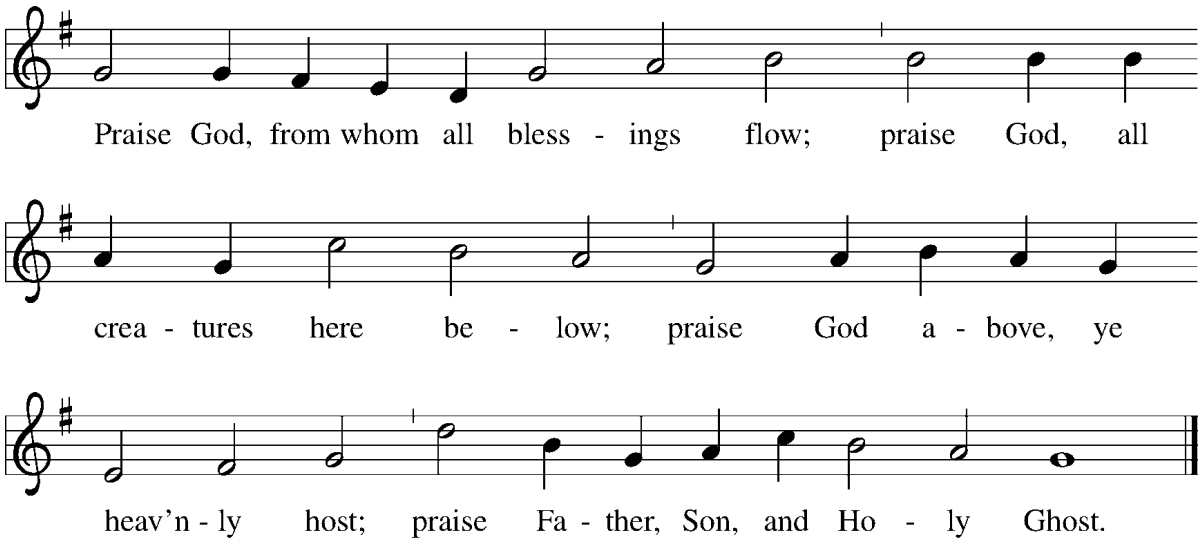
P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN- *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*



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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **C: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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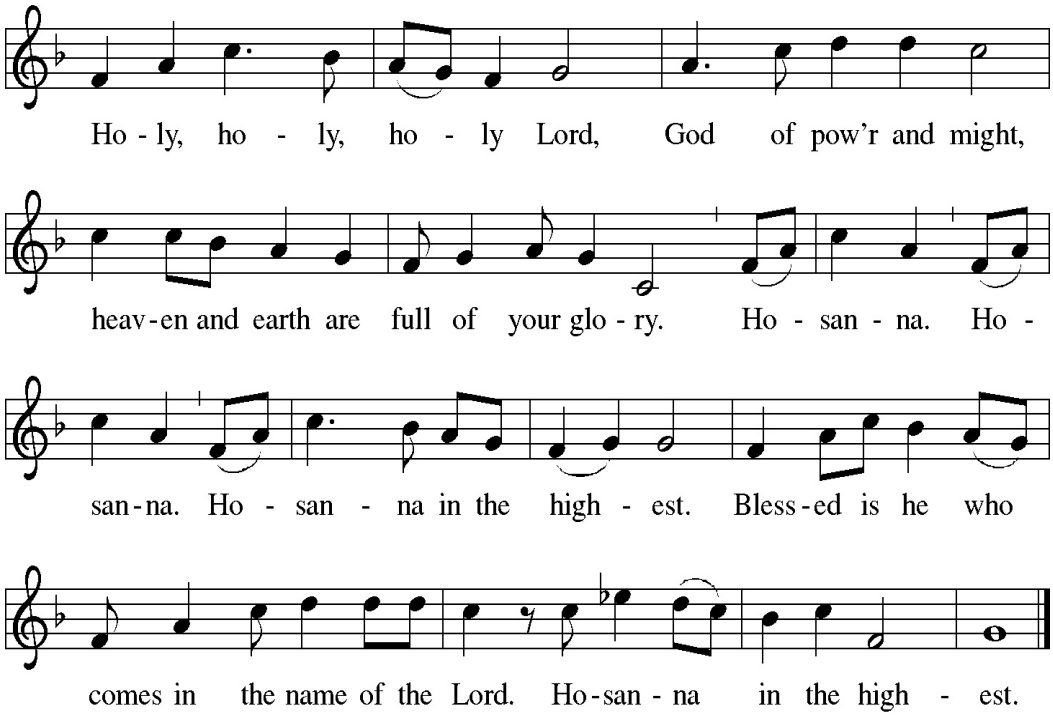

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
C: Amen, amen, amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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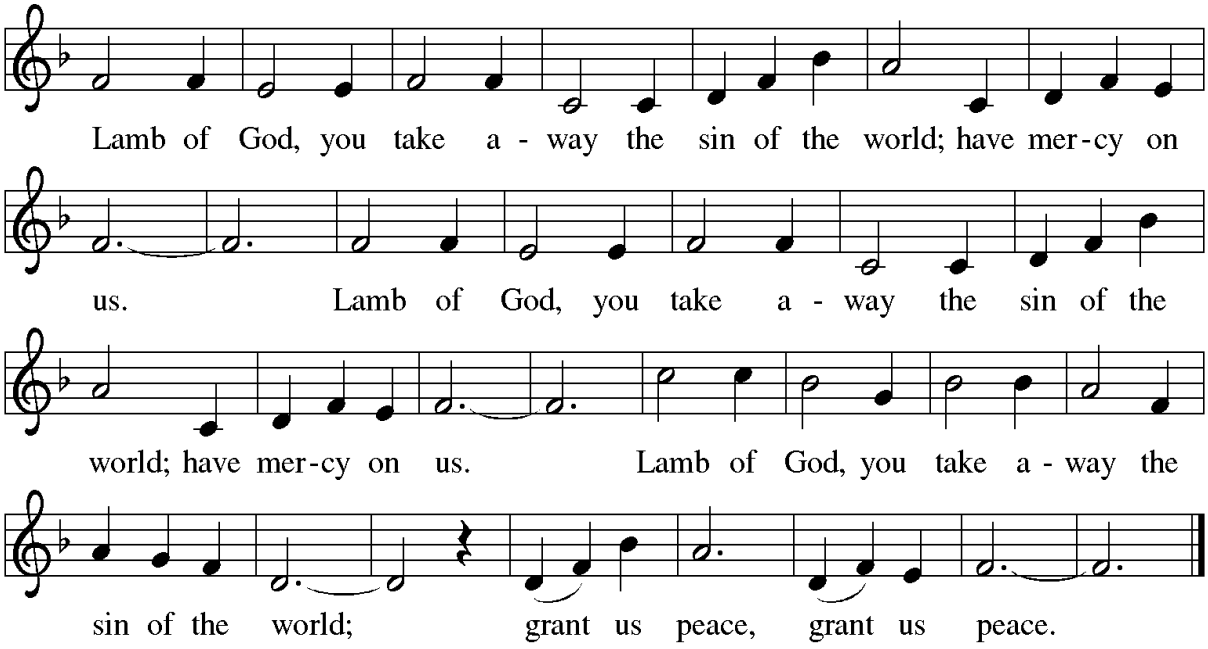
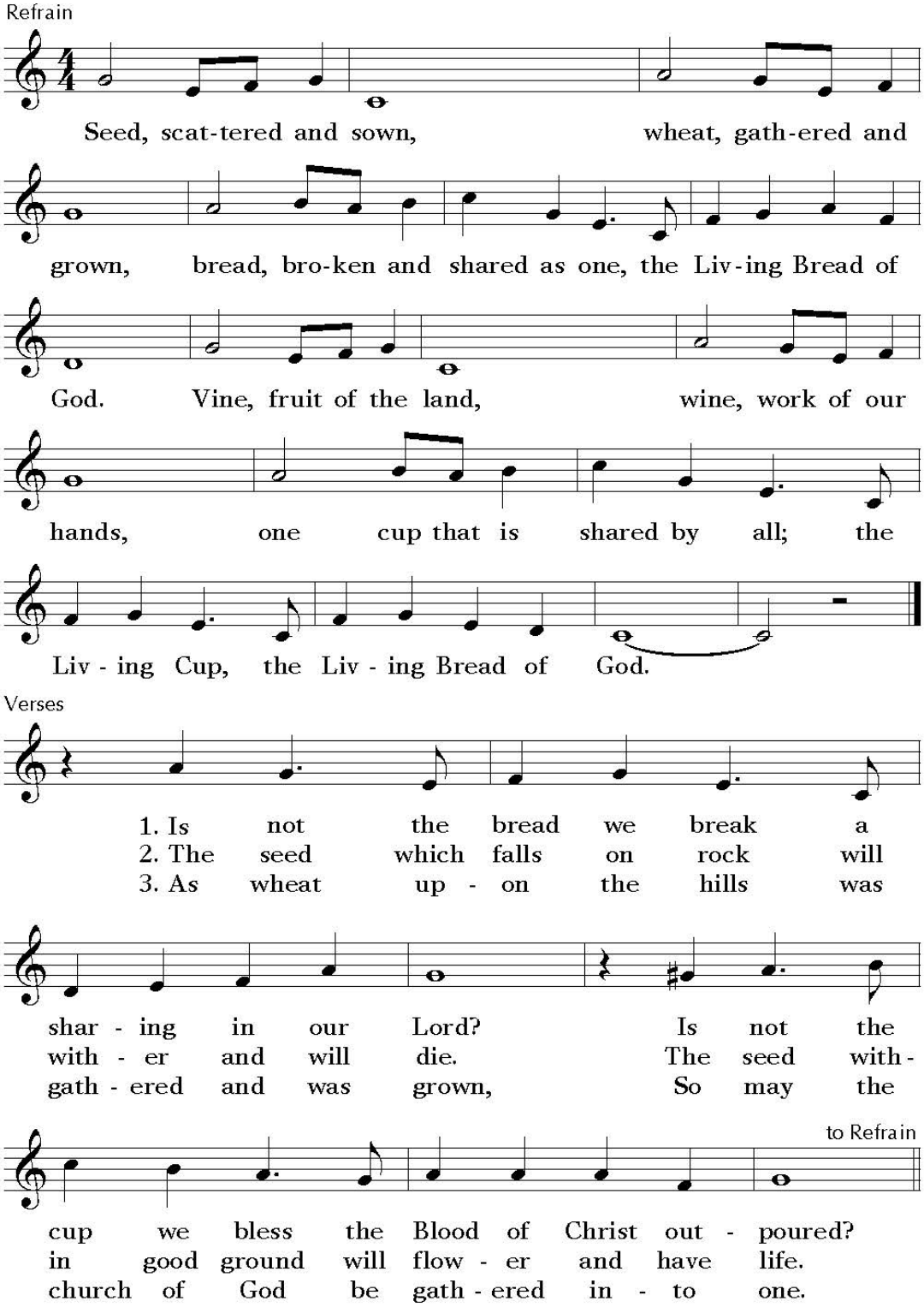


COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG – *"Seed, Scattered and Sown"*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

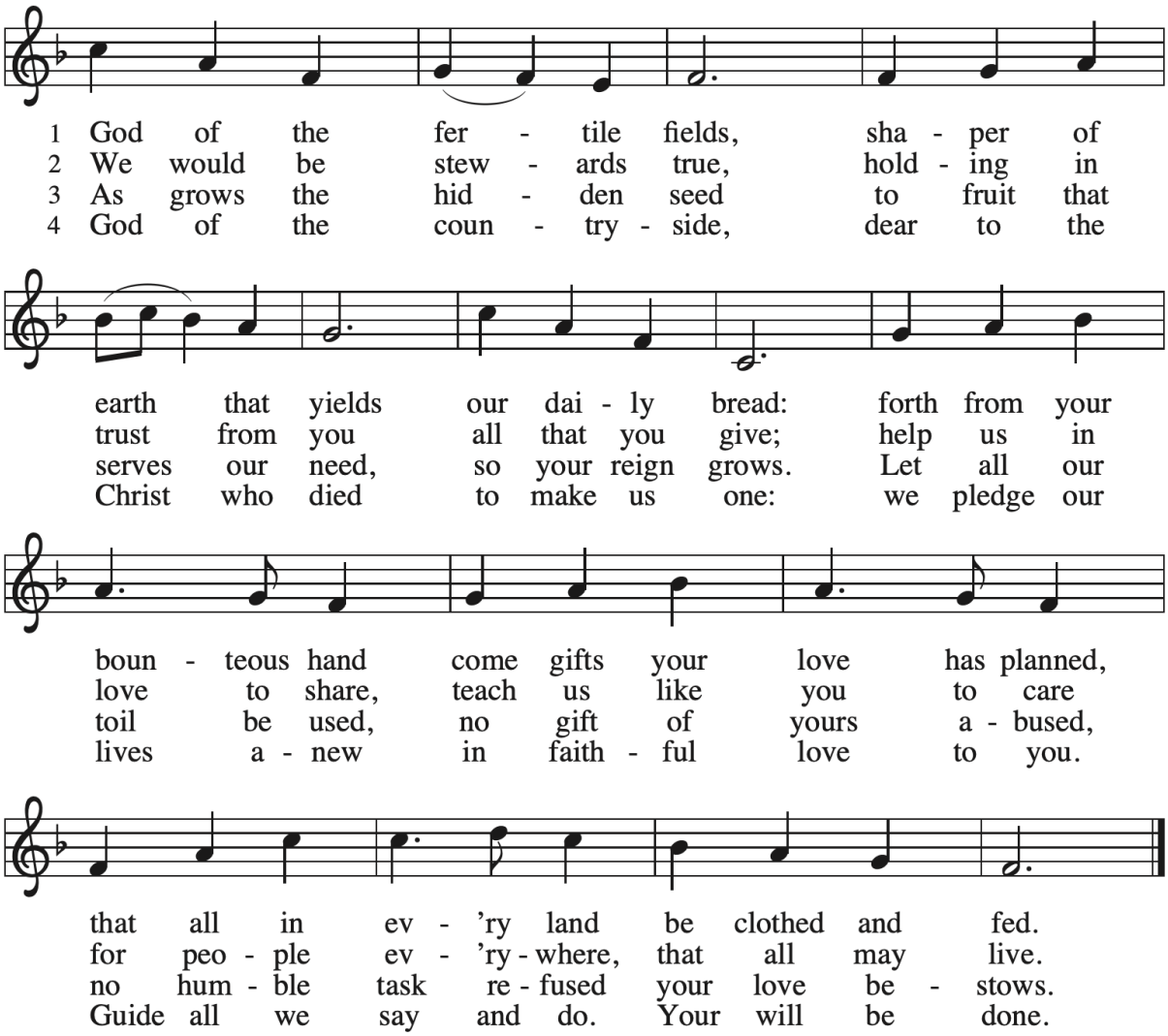
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG – *"God of the Fertile Fields"*



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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, if this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex.
*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag
It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

Joint worship service Sunday, June 23rd
On Sunday, June 23rd Emmanuel will host three sister congregations for a joint worship service and cookout. This will be a collaborative worship service with all four congregations helping to lead. We'll adopt a more casual vibe as we kick off summer together. First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, and St. Luke's Episcopal will join us and we will pack our parking lot (seriously, this is not the Sunday to drive separately). The service will begin at our usual time, 10am in our sanctuary.
We have postponed our joint Vacation Bible School project until next summer, when we will have planned much farther ahead. However, we are looking forward to games and crafts for all ages on the 23rd. We'll have corn hole, races, water balloons, and more!
The four congregations are supplying meat and vegetarian alternatives along with rolls, condiments, condiments, coffee, water, and lemonade, along with paper and plastic dinnerware. We hope you will bring salads, fruit, veggies, sides, desserts, etc. to share together. We plan to cook outside with places to eat outside and in our basement.
This will be a fun event to come together for worship, fellowship, and fun—let's build relationships in Christ!

Let's Go Out to Eat!
You're welcome the Membership Committee for a meal and conversation on **Tuesday, June 18th at 5pm at Aubree's in Depot Town - located at 39 E. Cross St. Ypsilanti, MI 48198.** This is simply a social event meant for people to get to know each other better. If you have a friend who you'd want to bring who isn't a member at Emmanuel, they're more than welcome!

Music Update
The choir and bells will be on break until our official September 1st restart.
Also, keep your eyes out for a special children's music time to be starting up in the fall with Alexa and Jamie! More details to come soon!

Summer Adult Bible Class offered Sundays after Church

History in Maps: Part 1 The Graeco-Roman World, and the Development of Christianity, from Alexander to Constantine

Schedule for **six** 45 minute presentations
Given by: Dr. Peter Diehr
Where: in the Lounge
When: 11:30 to 12:15, including 15 min for questions.
June 30, July 7, 14, 28, August 4, 11

Part 2 will be scheduled for another time.
Questions: pdiehr@gmail.com

Ways to Give

Giving can be done online by clicking here. You can also give via text at 734-548-9438. Simply text the amount you would like to give and follow the prompts. You can mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

PayPal - Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

New Giving Mobile App - Download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

Free to Emmanuel Lutheran Congregation

These items have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate stakeholders, the Property Committee and Church Council. It is our goal to offer items no longer used or needed by our church on a first come, first serve basis. Please check the bulletin Board in the church Gathering area for new/updated lists every month. Things may be taken right after Sunday Service or during the Wednesday Clothes Closet time (9am to 10:30 am), or as arranged with a committee member.

How to claim or get an item:

Contact a member of the De-Clutter Committee: (Della Diehr dmdiehr@gmail.com 734-740-6029 or Linda King lking2005@comcast.net) to arrange pickup.

White podium – extra Still available
2 Orange Mid Century Modern couches and 2 side tables
Metal storage cabinet with sliding doors

This Week at Emmanuel

Sunday, June 16 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost
Happy Father's Day!

- **Worship 10:00am**
- **Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm**
- Bethel Service 12:00pm

Tuesday, June 18

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Refresh Committee 11:30am
- Food Delivery 1:00pm

Wednesday, June 19

- Men's Group Meeting 9:00am
- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 3:45pm

Thursday, June 20

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- **Bible Study Class 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 3:45pm

Friday, June 21

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday, June 22

- Women Do Recover 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Sunday, June 23 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

- **Worship 10:00am**
- **Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm**
- COOKOUT
- Bethel Service 12:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, Dale and my wedding anniversary; and the anniversaries of my son and daughter-in-law and my daughter and son-in-law.
Given by Judy Philipsen

Prayers requested for: Barb, Sheila, Judy, Debbie, the friends and family of Chuck, and the friends and family of Dan.

Worship Service Volunteers needed!
Assisting Ministers –
https://qrco.de/bf9hzV

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Altar Flower Sign up -
https://qrco.de/bf9i23
or sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office (734-482-7121).

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Links:
Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Medical Loan closet – MedicalLoan@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

SERVING IN WORSHIP:

Interim Pastor..... *Rev. Joshua Rinas*
Minister of Worship Music..... *David Meitzler*
Minister of Choral Conducting..... *Jamie Gallupe*
Assisting Minister ..... *Monica Doerr*

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